

State Government Plan Workgroup (CAIGE)---Outline

Charge: Develop, implement and market a plan for reducing pollution (precursors to ground-level ozone-GLO) emissions by state government that supports the Early Action State Implementation Plan initiative.

State government includes: the Governor's Office, the Judiciary, each state agency and each state supported institution of higher education.

Who: Members of the workgroup will include SC DHEC, state government contacts, and administration (key decision-makers).

What: The workgroup will develop a state government plan to include recommending strategies to reduce pollution emissions in state government. The recommendations may be in the form of guidelines or policies to be implemented by state government. Education and outreach efforts to state employees in support of the policy/guidelines will be a vital component. State employees will also be informed/educated on individual efforts that may be taken to contribute to reducing emissions. The state government plan may serve as a model for local governments to consider.

When: The State Government Plan should be completed by early Fall, 2003.

Where: Statewide initiative. Special focus may be on local areas that are possible non-attainment areas for the 8-hour ozone standard and/or that are participating in Early Action Plan initiatives.

Mechanisms:

- ➔ Identify priority strategies for recommending changes to existing policy/guidelines; or
- ➔ Create new policy/guidelines to support emissions reductions in areas such as a 'checklist' of strategies that state government can commit to implement:
 - 1) Operations & maintenance,
 - 2) Energy use,
 - 3) Alternative commute options, and
 - 4) Other
- ➔ Develop strategies for outreach (increase awareness of issues) and education (support behavior change) that target administration and employees in state government.
- ➔ Consider (or reconsider) the possibility of an Executive Order.

Resources: DAPDO staff resources; other state government contacts local government contacts

Process:

- 1) Identify key contacts- meet with them to research potential issues based on areas identified to date.
- 2) Research other states' initiatives regarding government action plans (successes/failures-evaluation).
- 3) Compile information and prioritize areas to develop action plans. Obtain BAQ administration/EAP workgroup feedback.

- 4) Invite and involve participation of key contacts in the development of plans (strategies). A “steering committee” may be formed and a “kick-off” meeting held to enlist help and support for developing the state government plan. Sub-committees of this steering committee could be formed and assigned a category on the list of identified strategies/efforts.
- 5) Plans will probably include both recommended policy/guidelines and education/outreach components.
- 6) Develop timeframes for implementation and evaluation measures to support plans.
- 7) Begin implementation of plans/strategies (includes outreach component for increasing awareness).
- 8) Evaluate.....